

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Early Childhood Higher Education Scholarship Program

The District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) Division of Early Childhood Education (ECE) is responsible for coordinating early childhood education services to District of Columbia children and their families.

Request for Application:

OSSE will issue a Request for Application (RFA) to fund one (1) grant to support early childhood educators seeking higher education degrees. The grantee will be responsible for:

- Recruiting and establishing relationships with OSSE-approved colleges and universities;
- Recruiting scholarship recipients and their employers;
- Supporting scholarship recipients from the application to course completion and degree attainment;
- Seeking additional funds to support the scholarship program;
- Tracking scholarship recipients' progress and other related data in "real time";
- Ensuring that participants meet the scholarship retention requirements;
- Tracking scholarship recipients' retention goals and other related data in "real time";
- Ensuring that meaningful incentives are awarded to scholarship recipients;
- Tracking incentives and other related data in "real time".

Funds up to \$700,000.00 are available to support the grant awarded under this RFA. One hundred percent (100%) of the funding is made available from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF).

Applicants must be a nonprofit organization licensed to do business in the District of Columbia. Applicants must have knowledge of the professional needs of the early childhood workforce in the District of Columbia, as demonstrated through prior experience in working with early childhood stakeholders, exposure to the demographic issues in the District, and familiarity with the higher education landscape and relevant resources necessary to further the objectives of this grant. Applicants cannot have a direct relationship with, or be a part of, any local early childhood program or higher education institution.

Important Dates:

The Request for Application (RFA) will be available on June 25, 2010. Applications may be obtained from the Office of Partnerships and Grant Services Website (www.opgs.dc.gov) at the District Grants Clearinghouse link. Applications may also be obtained from Ms. Sandra McIver, Grants Management Specialist for ECE, 717 14th Street, NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC 20005. Please call (202) 727-5045.

The RFA application deadline is July 30, 2010.

A Pre-Application Conference will be held on Wednesday, July 7, 2010, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 717 14th Street, NW, 8th Floor Conference Room, Washington, DC 20005. For planning purposes, please RSVP to Ms. Sandra McIver at (202) 727-5045 or sandra.mciver@dc.gov. if you plan to attend the planning conference.